

24 November 2022

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### **Request for information 2022 - 205**

I refer to your request for information dated 6 November 2022, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 7 November 2022. You have requested the following:

*“Please provide a copy of any forestry consent relating to logging of the Levack Forest, Mangaone North Road, Hautere, 5582 by P F Olsen. In particular, I am interested in the boundary of the land to be cleared as it relates to Mangaone North Road and also the hours within which forestry activities with heavy machinery can operate on week days and on weekends.”*

#### **Greater Wellington’s response follows:**

We have refused the part of your request relating to a forestry consent under section 17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) on the basis that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

No forestry consent can be provided for Levack Forestry because this harvesting operation is being conducted under permitted activity rules under the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry) Regulations 2017 (NES-PF). A copy of this can be found online at: [www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2017/0174/latest/whole.html](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2017/0174/latest/whole.html)

Please find in **Attachment 1** a harvest plan that shows the planned boundary of land to be harvested.

Hours within which forestry activities with heavy machinery can operate on weekdays and on weekends are regulated by the local territorial authority rather than Greater Wellington. Activities related to noise and vibration are found in section 98 and 99 of the NES-PF. In section 98 it specifies limits on noise levels during certain times of the day:

- Monday to Saturday, daytime – 75dB LAeq (15 min) between 7am and 7pm, at any assessment point where forestry noise is received for 20 weeks or less in a year
- Monday to Saturday, daytime – 70 dB LAeq (15 min) between 7am and 7pm, at any assessment point where forestry noise is received for more than 20 weeks in a year
- Sunday daytime – 45 dB LAeq (15 min) between 7am and 7pm
- Night time – 45 dB LAeq (15 min) between 7 pm and the following 7am
- Monday to Saturday – 120 dB LZpeak for any blasting between 7am and 7pm

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



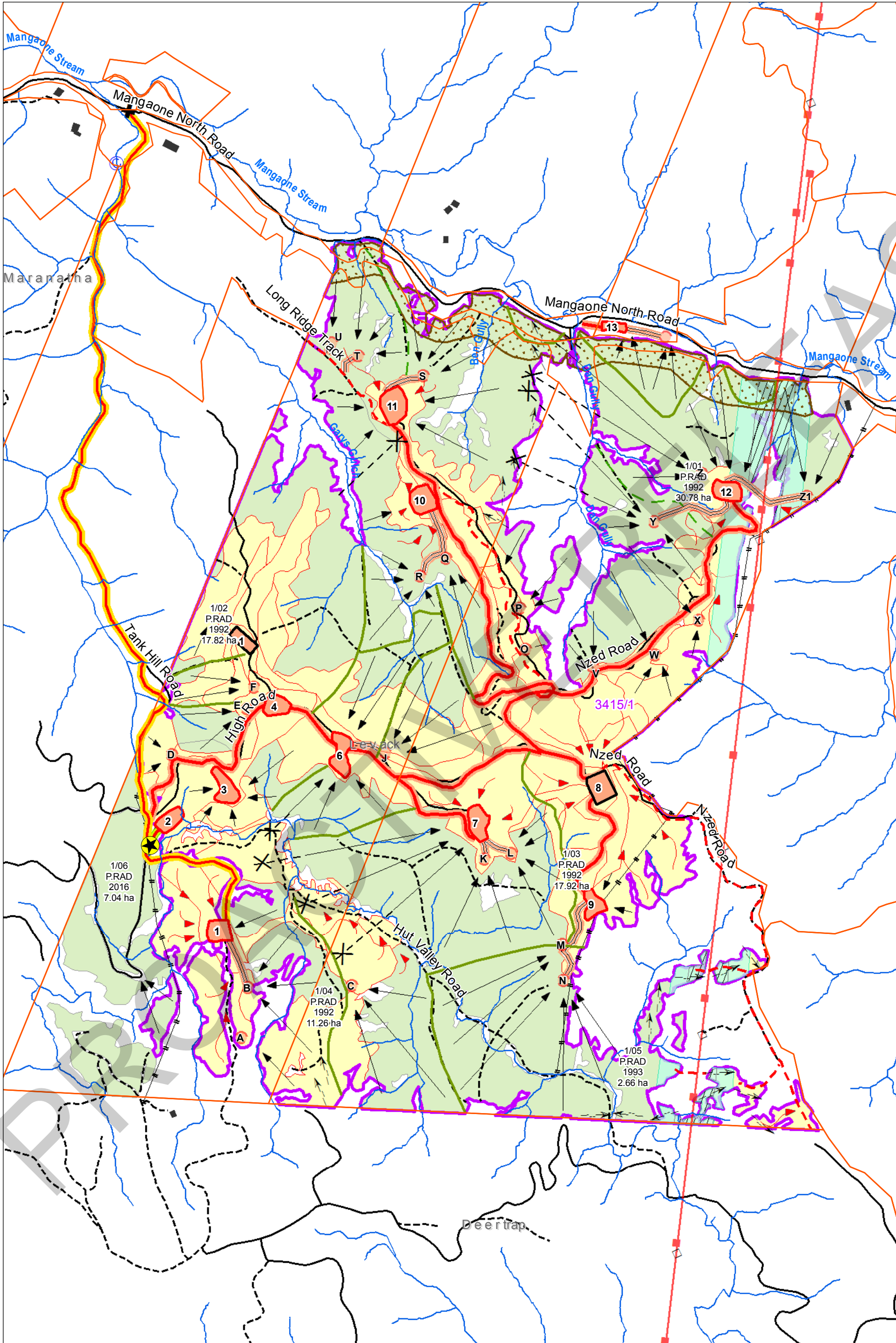
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**HARVEST PLAN**  
**FOREST: Levack Forest**  
**HARVEST AREA: 3415**

**Mean Top Height (MTH):**

**Emergency GPS Location Point**  
 Tell Emergency Services this GPS Location Point is in WGS84 (latitude and longitude)  
 Say the values are in Degrees(°) Minutes(') Seconds(") format.

**S40° 50' 26"**  
**E175° 9' 4"**

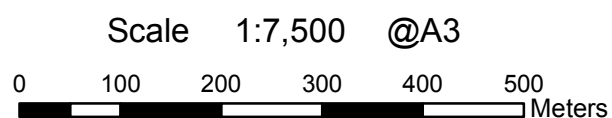


**Legend**

- Emergency Point
- Title Boundary
- Stream
- Watercourse
- UtilityPoint**
- Pylon
- Utility Line**
- Electricity Line
- Stream Crossing - Planned**
- Culvert
- Harvest Point**
- Approx. Yarder Position
- Harvest Line**
- Ground based extraction
- Hauler extraction
- Pad setting
- Req'd tailhold position
- Setting boundary
- Shovel
- Pads, Turnaround, Loadout,**
- Hauler Pad, Construct
- Landings/Pads**
- Hauler Landing, Construct
- Ground based Skid, Construct
- Proposed Roads**
- Road, Construct
- 2 Stage Track, Construct
- Road, Maintain
- Road, Upgrade
- Track
- Harvest Poly**
- Powerline Corridor Hazard (1 tree length)
- Roadside Corridor (temp hazard)
- Powerline Management Area (2 tree lengths)
- Building
- Fence
- Transport**
- Road - Unsealed
- Track
- Settings
- Recent Cutover
- Patches**
- Planted - Commercial

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Coordinate System:  
 NZGD 2000 New Zealand Transverse Mercator  
 Projection: Transverse Mercator  
 Datum: NZGD 2000



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